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FOR AMBASSADOR WEST FROM AMBASSADOR SCOTES

E.O. 11652: GDS
TGAS: MASS, YE,SA
SUBJECT: HOLD OF YAR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REFERENCE: CHUSMTM 280721Z; SANA 5151

1. I AM MYSTIFIED BY "HOLD" WHICH GEN KABBANI HAS REPORTED ON
SAUDI MILITARY AID TO YEMEN (SEE CHUSMTM REFTEL). OBVIOUSLY IT DOES
NOT APPLY TO SALES CASES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED, AS THEY
CONTINUE TO BE DELIVERED BY THE BOATLOAD. LOCAL SAUDI REPS INSIST
MILITARY RELATIONSHIP IS BUSINESS AS USUAL, AND LOCAL HEAD OF
SAUDI MILITARY MISSION EVEN TOLD DATT LAST WEEK THAT VULCAN DELIVERIES

HAD TO BE MADE EARLIER THAN PLANNED. IT IS ALSO INCONSISTENT
WITH OTHER SAUDI EFFORTS TO BEEF UP FORCES IN SOUTH, PARTICULARLY
IN EXPOSED SHARURA WHERE THEY FACE PDRY UNITS.

2. SULTAN DID NOT RAISE ANY ISSUES OF ARMS AID TO YAR IN YOUR TALK
WHEN BODINE WAS VISITING, AND I WONDER WHETHER YOU WILL HAVE ANY
OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW HIM OUT, BEFORE OR DURINR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT,

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ON HIS VIEWS ON ARMS FOR FJEMEN AND ON SOUTH ARABIA (BOTH YAR AND
PDRY) AND HORN IN ENERAL. OUR SEPTTEL SPELLS OUT SOME QUESTIONS
WE HAVE ABOUT POSSIBLE NATURE OF PLANS AND RISKS OF SAUDIS IN
LOWER END OF RED SEA IN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.
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